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sidewalls, the permanent opening having a sufficient width to permit one of the trays to be passed through the opening while oriented in a substantially horizontal position, and wherein the frame can be selectively placed into and removed from a baking chamber as a unit.

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6. (Twice Amended) An automatic bread making machine comprising:  
a housing having a baking chamber coupled to a source of heat and a baking rack assembly comprising a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from the baking chamber as a unit, the frame having two opposing, laterally spaced sidewalls extending upward from and coupled to a base member and a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by the two sidewalls of the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of dough that can be proofed or baked on the tray when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

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11. (Twice Amended) An automatic bread making machine comprising:  
a housing having a baking chamber and a container for receiving bread making ingredients;

a motor for mixing the ingredients within the container to form a dough;

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a frame that is selectively placed into and removed from the baking chamber, the frame having two opposing, laterally spaced sidewalls extending upward from and coupled to a base member with a plurality of trays coupled to and supported by the two sidewalls of the frame in vertically spaced relation to each other, each tray providing a substantially horizontal support surface for a quantity of the dough, the frame also having a permanent opening between the two sidewalls with dimensions sufficient to permit one of the trays to be passed through the opening while oriented in a substantially horizontal position; and

a heating element coupled to the baking chamber to bake the dough positioned on the trays when the frame and trays are positioned within the baking chamber.

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16. (Twice Amended) A method of baking a plurality of portions of dough comprising:

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placing ingredients into an automatic bread making machine;